

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-8 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8. As a result, claims 1-8 are pending for examination with claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

1. Claims 1-4 Patentably Distinguish Over Hadjiyiannis

Claim 1 stands rejected under §102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by Hadjiyiannis et al, "ISDL: An Instruction Set Description Language for Re-targetability" (Hadjiyiannis). However, the Examiner suggests amendments to overcome the art of record. Specifically, the Examiner suggests independent claims to include the data transfer device 27 (e.g., as supported in Fig. 2) or the step of providing direct information to the linker. (Page 4, last paragraph).

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claim 1 under §102(b) for reasons clearly set forth in Applicants' previous response filed March 7, 2006, Applicants have amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner to expedite prosecution of the application by placing them in condition for allowance.

Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 1 as shown above to include "a data transfer device arranged to output selected data fetched from said descriptor file directly to a linker."

In view of the foregoing and the reasons set forth in Applicants' previous response, claim 1 as amended patentably distinguishes over Hadjiyiannis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Hadjiyiannis be withdrawn. Claims 2-4 each depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

2. Claims 5-6 Patentably Distinguish Over Hadjiyiannis

Claim 5 stands rejected under §102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by Hadjiyiannis. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection; however, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended claim 5 as shown

above to include “transferring selected data acquired from said descriptor file directly to a linker” as suggested by the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, and the reasons set forth in Applicants’ previous response, claim 5 patentably distinguishes over Hadjiyiannis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 5 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Hadjiyiannis be withdrawn. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and is patentable over Hadjiyiannis for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 6 under §102(b) be withdrawn.

3. Claim 7 Patentably Distinguishes Over Hadjiyiannis in View of Vos

Claim 7 stands rejected under §103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over Hadjiyiannis in further view of U.K. Patent No. GB 2,127,188 (Vos). Applicants respectfully disagree; however, to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended claim 7 as shown above to include “transferring selected data from said descriptor file directly to a linker”, as suggested by the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, and the reasons set forth in Applicants’ previous response, claim 7 as amended patentably distinguishes over the combination of Hadjiyiannis and Vos. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 7 under §103(a) be withdrawn.

4. Claim 8 Patentably Distinguishes over Hadjiyiannis in View of Vos

Claim 8 stands rejected under §103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over Hadjiyiannis in further view of Vos. Applicants respectfully disagree; however, to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended claim 8 as shown above to include “transferring selected data acquired from said descriptor file directly to a linker”, as suggested by the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, and the reasons set forth in Applicants’ previous response, claim 8 patentably distinguishes over Hadjiyiannis in view of Vos. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 under §103(a) be withdrawn.


CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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